

**VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
Severe Storms and Flooding-Tropical Depression Ernesto
FEMA-1661-DR-VA**

**STATE SITUATION REPORT # 35
8 Nov 2006 (1500 hrs) thru 15 Nov 2006 (1500 hrs)**

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(New or highlighted information is bold)

SUMMARY

Response and recovery operations are being provided from the FEMA/VDEM Joint Field Office (JFO) pursuant to the Presidential Disaster Declaration for the Commonwealth due to the severe storms and flooding associated with Tropical Depression Ernesto across portions of the Commonwealth during the period 29 Aug – 7 Sep 2006.

EXECUTIVE ACTION

JFO Operations: Regular JFO FEMA/VDEM staff meetings will be conducted at the JFO on Wed of each week at 0900 hours in the JFO Conference Room. VDEM staff meetings will be conducted as required by the DSCO. JFO Situation Reports will be issued on Wednesday of each week.

State of Emergency and Executive Order: By Executive Order, Governor Kaine declared a State of Emergency on 31 Aug 2006 in preparation for Tropical Depression Ernesto, later amended on 15 Sep 2006. On 8 Sep 2006 Governor Kaine requested a Presidential Disaster Declaration for Public Assistance (PA) for 25 jurisdictions and Individual Assistance (IA) for nine jurisdictions.

On 22 Sep 2006 President Bush declared a Major Disaster for the Commonwealth of Virginia due to the damage resulting from Tropical Depression Ernesto that began on 29 Aug 2006, designating 21 jurisdictions eligible for the PA Program. The Hazard Mitigation Grant Program is available statewide.

Regarding PA, pursuant to the Commonwealth's requests, one additional jurisdiction(*) was approved by FEMA on 6 Oct, three additional jurisdictions(**) were approved by FEMA on 18 Oct, and one additional jurisdiction (***) was approved on 26 Oct as also eligible for the PA Program. **Current eligible jurisdictions (26) are:**

Accomack	Essex	Middlesex	Richmond (City of)
Caroline	Gloucester	Northampton	Poquoson (City of)
Charles City	Isle of Wight	Northumberland	Newport News (City)*
James City	Richmond	Westmoreland	Greensville**
King William	Surry	Mathews	King and Queen**
Lancaster	Sussex	Dinwiddie	Lunenburg**
York			King George***

Regarding IA, on 28 Sep 2006 the Commonwealth received the denial of its requested IA declaration for nine jurisdictions (3 cities and 6 counties) which was formally appealed by Governor Kaine on 29 Sep 2006. On 11 Oct 2006 the Commonwealth IA appeal was formally denied by FEMA. Pursuant to the Commonwealth's request, on 16 Oct 2006 the SBA issued a disaster declaration for the following five jurisdictions. Contiguous jurisdictions to those named are automatically included in the SBA declaration.

Richmond (City of)	Hampton (City of)	Gloucester
Newport News (City of)		Northumberland

WEATHER

Seven-day forecast (W-Th-F-Sa-Su-M-Tu): 15-22 Nov 2006): Today and tonight will be partly cloudy with 50% chance of precipitation tonight and possible thundershowers after 4am, south winds 5-18 mph, with a high of 71 and a nightly low of 57. **Thursday** will be 90% chance of periods of rain and possibly thunderstorms with new accumulations of 1-2 inches possible, partly cloudy at night, south winds of 10-18 mph, with a high of 67 and a nightly low of 47. **Friday** will be sunny and clear, west winds of 9-13 mph, with a high of 55 and a nightly low of 39. **Saturday** will be sunny and clear with a high of 58 and a nightly low of 35. **Sunday** will be sunny and clear with a high of 51 and a nightly low of 34. **Monday** will be sunny and clear with a high of 51 and a nightly low of 30. **Tuesday** will be sunny with a high of 53.

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS SECTION (ESF-15)

Legislative Liaison: The 26 affected jurisdictions are represented by 39 legislators. Respective Congressional offices have been notified in advance of PA Applicants Briefings for their jurisdictions. JFO-Legislative Liaison: Mr. A. Warren (art.warren@vdem.virginia.gov).

Public Information Office (PIO) VDEM PIO continues to monitor and respond to media, legislative and public inquiries. PIO has distributed various news releases on flood insurance, floodsmart.gov, and other disaster assistance program information.

OPERATIONS SECTION

RESPONSE AND RECOVERY OPERATIONS BRANCH

ESF 3 – Public Works and Engineering: Water Pumps, City of Richmond, has been extended to **19 Nov 2006** by the Governor. All pumps (18"- 2 each and 12"- 3 each) have been elevated on mobile platforms above flood stage and are fully operational. VDEM POC (Mr. K. Hayes).

ESF 14 – Long-term Community Recovery: **RECOVERY SECTION (ESF 14)**

Initial Damage Assessment Reports:	Jurisdictions (65 each)	Private (30 each)	Public (62each)
	Subtotal	\$68,088,094**	\$52,452,584.98*/***
*Includes VDOT estimates and Electric Cooperatives' estimates.			
**Includes residential, business, and agricultural estimates.			
***Includes Public Service Authorities			
	State Agencies (Excludes VDOT) Public (13 each)		
	Subtotal		\$ 2,688,019.55
	GRAND TOTAL	\$68,088,094	\$55,140,604.53

State Public Assistance (PA) Briefings:

Applicants' Briefings Conducted (5 ea):

1. 5 Oct 2006, Attendees-45 (City of Richmond-31, FEMA-8, VDEM-6)
2. 6 Oct 2006, Attendees-22 (Five Electric Coop Reps-13, FEMA-4, VDEM-5)
3. 11 Oct 2006 Attendees-48 (Eleven Jurisdictions-19, FEMA-6, VDEM-16, Other-6)
4. 17 Oct 2006 Attendees- 9 (State Agencies-3, FEMA-1, VDEM-5)
5. 18 Oct 2006 Attendees-17 (Eastrn Shore Applicants-8, FEMA-3, VDEM-5, Oth-1)

Kick-off Meetings Conducted (44 ea):

- Week of 2- 6 Oct 2006: 1 KO Meeting (1 applicant, 3 total attendance)
- Week of 9-13 Oct 2006: 6 KO Meetings (10 applicants, 68 total attendance)
- Week of 16-20 Oct 2006: 16 KO Meetings (16 applicants, 107 total attendance)
- Week of 23-27 Oct 2006: 15 KO Meetings (15 applicants, 102 total attendance)
- Week of 30 Oct-3 Nov 2006: 6 KO Meetings (6 applicants, 31 total attendance)

The Recovery Center page on VDEM website, www.vaemergency.com provides all current FEMA-1661-DR-VA public assistance program schedules, forms, and resource documents. See the section, Public Assistance Program. The deadline date(s) for applicants to submit a Request for Public Assistance (RPA) for FEMA-1661-DR is COB:

Declared 21 jurisdictions:	Fri, 20 Oct 2006
Amended one jurisdiction:	Mon, 6 Nov 2006
Amended three jurisdictions:	Fri, 17 Nov 2006
Amended one jurisdiction:	Sat, 25 Nov 2006

RPAs should be faxed to the JFO to the attention of Ms. Mona Ellington (tele. 804-270-4582). Then please mail the original to the JFO, ATTN (Ms. Mona Ellington) at:

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RPAs have been received/approved from the following state agencies, localities, and private non-profit organizations **(52 total)**:

A & N Electric Cooperative	Parksley (Town of)
Accomack County	Poquoson (Town of)
Bloxom (Town of)	Rappahannock Community College
Callao Vol Fire Dept	Rappahannock Electric Cooperative
Cape Charles (Town of)	Richmond (City of)
Cheriton (Town of)	Richmond County
Chincoteague (Town of)	Richmond County Vol Rescue Squad
Colonial Beach (Town of)	Smithfield (Town of)
Colonial Beach Public Schools	Southside Electric Cooperative
Colonial Beach Volunteer Fire Dept	Tangier (Town of)
Colonial Beach Volunteer Rescue Squad	Tappanannock (Town of)
Gloucester County	Va Dept of Conservation & Recreation
James City County	Va Dept of Corrections
Kilmarnock (Town of)	Va Dept of Emergency Management
Kilmarnock Vol Fire Dept	Va Dept of General Services
Lancaster County	Va Dept of Mental Health
Mathews County	Va Dept of State Police
Mecklenburg Electric Cooperative	Va Dept of Transportation
Melfa (Town of)	Virginia Institute of Marine Science
Middlesex County	Va Supportive Housing & FIND, Inc.
Newport News (City of)	Wachapreague (Town of)
Northampton County	Warsaw (Town of)
Northumberland County	Waterman's Museum
Northern Neck Electric Cooperative	Westmoreland County
Onancock (Town of)	York County
Onley (Town of)	Belle Haven (Town of)...(Pending)

As of COB, **14 November 2006**, a total of **96** (current estimated projection is **248**) PA project worksheets (PWs) have been entered into NEMIS for final FEMA review /approval and funding obligations.

Current Totals:	Total Estimated Eligible:	\$2,111,851
	Total Eligible Fed Share:	\$1,600,011
	Total Amount Obligated:	\$ 997,862
	Total Amount Disbursed:	\$ 0

Individual Assistance:

Pursuant to the SBA disaster declaration (No. 10644) on 16 Oct 2006, four SBA Disaster Outreach Centers (city of Richmond, cities of Hampton/Newport News, Gloucester and Northumberland counties) were opened for the five SBA declared jurisdictions. **These SBA Centers were inactivated at close of business (COB) on Thursday, 9 Nov 2006.**

SBA Disaster Outreach Centers (4ea):

1. City of Richmond:
 When: **21 days: Opened (Tu), 17 Oct 2006. Closed (Th), 9 Nov 2006**
 Where: Norrell School Annex, 201 W Graham Rd, Richmond. VA
2. Cities of Hampton and Newport News:
 When: **20 days: Opened (W), 18 Oct 2006. Closed (Th), 9 Nov 2006**
 Where: Y H Tomas Center, 1300 Thomas St, Hampton, VA 23669

3. Gloucester County:
When: **20 days: Opened (W), 18 Oct 2006. Closed (Th), 9 Nov 2006**
Where: Fire Station 3, 2676 Hayes Rd, Hayes, VA 23072
4. Northumberland County:
When: **20 days: Opened (W), 18 Oct 2006. Closed (Th), 9 Nov 2006**
Where: Old County Courthouse, 72 Monument Place, Heathsville, VA

Summary of SBA activity for the four SBA Centers through COB 15 Nov 2006:

Type Loan	Issued	Accepted	Approved	Dollars Approved
Home	75	34	17	\$817,000
Business	22	2	2	\$ 84,800
TOTAL	97	36	19	\$901,800

Mitigation:

The Hazard Mitigation Strategy and the Admin Plan for DR-1661-VA were approved by the SCO and submitted to the FEMA Hazard Mitigation Director, Mr. Noah Thacker.

Mitigation Training Courses Proposed (Training Space Reserved):

1. Course (E277): Residential Coastal Construction
When: TBD (late Nov-early Dec)
Where: TBD
Attendees: TBD
2. Course (E279): Retrofit Flood-prone Residential Buildings
When: 12-13 Dec
Where: VDEM (Trade Court)
Attendees: All affected jurisdictions

Invitations were sent for Course E279. The invitation and registration form have also been posted on the VDEM website. To date, 16 people have registered.

HMGP Applicants' Briefings Conducted (4 ea):

1. 30 Oct 2006, Attendees-24 (Nine jurisdictions-21, FEMA-0, VDEM-3)
2. 31 Oct 2006, Attendees-30 (Tidewater jurisdictions-27, FEMA-0, VDEM-3)
3. 2 Nov 2006, Attendees-12 (Ten jurisdictions-10, FEMA-0, VDEM-2)
4. 7 Nov 2006, Attendees-8 (Six jurisdictions—7, FEMA-0, VDEM-1)

Pursuant to the HMGP Applicants' Briefings conducted, jurisdictions interested in participating in the Ernesto HMGP were apprised of the following timeline:

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| 1 Dec 2006 | One page pre-applications are due to VDEM for eligibility screening. |
| 15 Jan 2007 | Those selected eligibles will be invited to submit full HMGP applications. |
| 15 Mar 2007 | Full HMGP applications due to VDEM. |

HMGP is currently funded as 7.5% of eligible disaster recovery monies expended in response to the specific disaster. Since funding is so limited for this disaster, information on the upcoming Pre-Disaster Mitigation Program was provided. **All HMGP applicants' briefings have been completed and the VDEM mitigation staff is working with the affected communities to develop mitigation projects.**

On 2 Nov a homeowner's recovery and mitigation workshop was conducted on at the Northumberland County Judicial Courts Bldg at the invitation of the County Administrator. In response to extensive outreach, 60 property owners attended. VDEM, SBA, the State Corporation Commission Bureau of Insurance and DCR's floodplain management program gave brief presentations and answered any questions. **Six applications were submitted at the workshop.** Since significant attendees owned "second homes" or vacation properties that are not used for rentals, SBA assistance is not available. While many impacted by both Ernesto and the Oct 6-8 Flooding are frustrated by their lack of eligibility for federal aid, they appreciated the workshop and took advantage of FEMA technical mitigation publications that were provided.

On 4 Nov VDEM and SBA participated in a disaster victims' workshop at the invitation of the Isle of Wight Long Term Recovery Task Force. The workshop conducted by the Isle of Wight staff and the Red Cross was held in Zuni, VA at Bethany Presbyterian Church. Nineteen property owners in attendance were provided information on SBA programs, registration for Red Cross benefits, mitigation grant programs and structural mitigation measures, and long-term solutions for mitigation of flooding. There is a widespread community concern for "river cleaning" of the Blackwater River, upstream storm water management, culvert expansion and maintenance of Route 460 and the damming effects of the railroad embankment. The workshop was well received.

PLANNING SECTION

ESF 7 – Resource

VDEM JFO/Field Planning Section became operational on 5 October 2006.

FINANCE/ADMINISTRATION SECTION

Personnel Unit:

VDEM JFO/field staffing is 45 (Perm staff-5, Reservists-10, VDOT-3, Contractor-27).

Administration Unit:

Courier service (Trade Court-EOC-JFO-EOC-Trade Court) is as needed.

OTHER SIGNIFICANT (Non FEMA-1661-DR-VA) ONGOING ACTIONS

FEMA-1655-DR-VA:

PA: RPAs were received/accepted from localities, state agencies, land private non-profit organizations (Total=19: cities-2, towns-4, counties-5, state agencies-3, other-5).

As of COB, **14 November 2006**, a **total of 280** (current estimated projection is **281**) PA project worksheets (PWs) have been entered into NEMIS for final FEMA review /approval and funding obligations.

Current Totals:	Total Estimated Eligible:	\$7,847,116
	Total Eligible Fed Share:	\$5,945,246
	Total Amount Obligated:	\$4,656,710
	Total Amount Disbursed:	\$3,479,218.43

IA: On 12 Sept 2006 SBA issued a disaster declaration for the city of Alexandria and Fairfax County and all contiguous counties. All SBA Outreach Centers are now closed.

October (6-9) Flooding:

On 9 Oct 2006, Governor Kaine declared a State of Emergency due to storms and flooding in Central/Southeast Virginia. On 25 Oct, pursuant to the Governor's request, the Small Business Administration issued a disaster declaration (SBA No. 10672) for the jurisdictions of City of Franklin, Isle of Wight and Southampton counties and all contiguous jurisdictions and opened SBA Disaster Outreach Centers in the City of Franklin and the Town of Smithfield. **The two SBA Centers will close at COB, 16 Nov 2006. Summary of SBA activity for the two SBA Centers thru COB 15 Nov 2006:**

Type Loan	Issued	Accepted	Approved	Dollars Approved
Home	24	17	6	\$451,300
Business	2	1	0	\$ 0
TOTAL	26	18	6	\$451,300

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